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SHIELDING

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1. OECD NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY PROPOSES TO TABLE
FOLLOWING TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION AT 51ST MEETING OF NEA
STEERING COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 4. IF PATRONAGE IS
APPROVED BY STEERING COMMITTEE IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO
OECD COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. MISSION REQUESTS EARLY
COMMENTS IF AMENDMENTS TO STEERING COMMITTEE PAPER WOULD
BE DESIRABLE FROM US STANDPOINT. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REACTOR SHIELD-
ING WILL BE ORGANIZED BY THE OAK RIDGE NATIONAL
LABORATORY (ORNL), IN OAK RIDGE, U.S.A., FROM 18TH-22ND
APRIL, 1977. THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED BY
NEA IN 1972, IN PARIS, JOINTLY WITH THE FRENCH
COMMISSARIAT A L'ENERGIE ATOMIQUE AND IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE IAEA.

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THE UNITED STATES' AUTHORITIES HAVE APPROACHED THE

SECRETARIAT TO ENQUIRE WHETHER NEA WOULD BE WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR THIS CONFERENCE, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH CO-SPONSORSHIP WOULD NOT INVOLVE ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO CO-SPONSOR THIS CONFERENCE.

CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NEA COMMITTEE ON REACTOR PHYSICS HAVE SHOWN THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE, WHICH IS CONSIDERED ALSO TO BE VERY TIMELY. THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE COMPUTATIONAL METHODS IN RADIATION TRANSPORT AND SHIELDING ANALYSIS, NUCLEAR DATA FOR SHIELDING APPLICATIONS, SHIELDING EXPERIMENTS AND THEIR ANALYSIS, ENGINEERING SHIELD DESIGN AND ANALYSIS, RADIATION STREAMING PROBLEMS AND THEIR ANALYSIS, NEW SHIELDING MATERIALS, RADIATION PROTECTION, RADIATION DOSIMETRY, RATIONAL UNITS, SHIELDING STANDARDS, AVAILABLE COMPUTER CODES, DATA COMPILATIONS AND INFORMATION SOURCES.

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD ACCEPT CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REACTOR SHIELDING, SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL PROCEDURE OF AUTHORIZATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE." END TEXT.
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